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SCALES AT HIGH TIDE

WHAT'S HAPPENING ????????????

March 23rd - Board Meeting 2:00

March 23rd - Wine Party - 5:00 - see inside for details.

April 6th - Horseshoe tournament

See inside for more details.

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Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club

NOTICE

BE SURE YOUR DUES ARE PAID

TO KEEP ON GETTING THE CHOLLA

CHATTER

FISHING DERBY

March 15, 16, 17

April 11, 12, 13, 14

May 3, 4, 5

May 23, 24, 25,



Fish Fry - MAY 26TH

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If The Shoe Fits, Throw It!



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013

Sign up from 8-10 am / Tournament begins at 10 am

EVERYONE WELCOME!

PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE RED CROSS

Players - \$15 Spectators - \$10 Kids 5 & under - \$5

Price includes **BEER**, soda, **BEER**, 2 hot dogs, **BEER**, chips, **BEER**, popcorn & **BEER**!

1st Place \$200

2nd Place \$100

3rd Place \$50

T-Shirts/Tanks Available

Raffle Prizes

BEER

Located at the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club (across from the park) in Cholla Bay (Rocky Point) Mexico. For more information or Sponsorship opportunities, contact Billie or Tammy at ChollaCBSC@gmail.com.

Check us out on Facebook at "CBSC Horseshoe Tournament". "Like" our page and keep checking the page for more information as the tournament gets closer!

YAHOO FOR WESTERN GAME AND AUCTION NIGHT

On February 2, 2013 at 6:30 PM, the Western Cafe and Saloon doors were flung open and 72 wranglers came stampeding in! Each wrangler donated \$20 and received a boot full of Cholla Poker Chips. Thanks to Diann Patterson for doing a great job!!

Campfire grub consisting of Horse Feed (salad), Western BBQ sliders, Mother Load Potatoes and Vein of Gold Brownies or Tailings Brownies (no nugget) were served shortly. All were offered the drink-of-the night Mexican Cantina Margaritas, as well as well drinks, wine or cerveza. Thanks to all who helped out in the kitchen, as well as with preparations! Let me not forget our fabulous saloon bar keepers who were kept busy all night long!

As soon as dealers had finished their grub, the games went quickly into action with Left-Right-Center, Black Jack, Texas Hold-em and the always popular Wheel of Fortune. The players were serenaded by Western Music furnished by Dave & Kelley Adams, as well as the clicking of poker chips and the cheers of winners and the moans of losers. Thank you to the dealers - they were extremely busy all night long and next year we will need another Black Jack table and dealer. An empty seat was hard to find at any of the tables. Tammy and Bill Hicks provided a jail setting for those who wished to be portrayed in the "pokie" or on a wanted poster. Also Mike Dugan was arrested by Tammy who was actually a bounty hunter disguised in a very sexy dance-hall outfit. The gamblers took up a collection to pay off Mike's fines at the last minute and give him a reprieve from hanging!

Two (2) auctions were held during the evening. Most of the 50 auction items went for ridiculously high amounts of "Cholla Chips". People were constantly counting and recounting their chips to see if they could keep bidding. Bidding was fast and furious and lots of fun thanks to the auctioneer Ed Hunt (former Cholla Bay resident). Items auctioned ranged from a jar full of peanuts to a Kindle Color. 25 items were donated by various CBSC members and friends. These people were very generous. The rest of the auction items were bought for the occasion. Thank you to Billy Crumbley and Rhea Dugan who did the purchasing.

I personally want to thank all of those whose tireless efforts before, after and during the evening made it all possible and fun. Thank you all so very much!!!!

Kathy Hill - Ranch Foreman

SHIP'S STORE & GIFT SHOP

Soon, our new derby shirts will be in. It's another neat design this year. And we now have a supply of flip-flops with CBSC on the straps. We have small, medium and large on these. You" gotta" have a pair!

We also have a few of last year's T-shirts left. So, if you're in Cholla and we aren't down there, call 382-5056 and I can meet you down there so you can see the "stuff". We have tide calendars for \$10.00. These are \$12.00 at most places. We may have other new things by then, so be sure to stop by and see.

Pat Goodin

WINE PARTY

THE CBSC BOARD HAS DECIDED TO HAVE A "WINE PARTY" ON MARCH 23rd. We talked about a "wine Tasting" but it seems no one wants to "taste" the wine and have a contest of which is best, they just want to "drink" the wine. Therefore it's just a wine party, or wine drinking party. Anyway, whatever it's called, you should bring at least one bottle of wine, and some snacks to share. It'll be at 5:00. We will have a board meeting at 2:00, and anyone who would like to come and listen in to our "not-very-organized" board meeting is welcome to come to that also. Actually, we do get a lot done, as you can tell by the many events we organize. So, hopefully you can join us at the board meeting and at the wine "whatever" it's called.

Pat Goodin

Cholla Chatter February 2013
Game Night 2013



TEXAS HOLD EM LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER

BLACK JACK WHEEL OF FORTUNE



GAME NIGHT FEBRUARY 2, 2013

Where else could you play all these games, bid on awesome prizes, eat some great grub, drink beer, get you picture taken in jail or on a wanted poster? PLUS be able to hang Dugan & get away with it! Ahhh, the memories that were made that night Can't wait till next year!!

58th Annual Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby - 2013

The dates for the 2013 CBSC Fishing derby are as follows: March 15th, 16th and 17th; April 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th; May 3rd, 4th and 5th; and May 23rd, 24th and 25th.

The first phase, March 15th - 17th is fast approaching so get your boat and/or fishing gear ready! Fishing has been good this spring, so you don't want to miss a single day of fishing fun in the derby!

Early registration will be available at JJ's on Thursday, March 14th at 3:00 p.m. As far as we know someone from Rocky Point will be here to sell fishing licenses, so you can miss the "1st day crowd" and be ready to launch at 6:00 a.m. Friday morning, March 15th.

Derby entry tickets will also be available at early registration, adults-full derby- \$25; juniors (15 yrs. and under) - full derby-\$10; weekends for adults are \$10. Of course these will be available everyday of the tournament at Ship's Store at the launching area, where derby shirts and other "have to have" stuff is available.

There will be a new category this year for small and personal water craft, such as canoes, kayaks, and small aluminum boats. The details for this category are still being worked out. As soon as these are determined, they will be posted on email - Cholla News - by Nancy Schmidli from Dave and Kelley. If you don't get Cholla News and want to, send your email address to stuffienan@yahoo.com and I will put you on the list. See you at the Derby on March 15th!



Let's Go Fishin', From the Launching Pad, Via Rosario Villa

Villa was fairly busy this past weekend of Feb. 15th due to JJ's Angler of the Year Fishing Tournament. Fishing was good with many calicos, as well as some nice pintos, sheephead and sardinero being weighed in. There were from seven to fifteen boats being launched daily during this tournament.

The ponga fishermen are still bringing in the murex in great numbers, filling the backs of pickup trucks to overflowing with these live shells which they sell to restaurants. There were no search and rescue missions to report, only pongas pulling in pongas. Villa and his family have moved to Cholla, as reported in the last edition. Villa still has the same phone numbers so you are able to call him about fishing and weather conditions. His cell number is 044 638 110 9990 and his home number is 383 1289.

There is no repeater in Cholla yet. It is ready and suppose to be installed in the near future, LOL, when the "proper permission" is received.

A note of interest, Paul Schoonover and his two daughters, not in the derby, brought in a 50lb. grouper on Sunday.

Mark your calendars for the first phase of the CBSC fishing derby March 15 - 17.

"So come on down, the weather is fine and the fishing is good!"

Hasta luego. Humbug, aka Don Schmidli

Betty (Munro) Moore

Betty passed away on Feb. 7th, but she will be remembered by many people in Cholla. Below are a few comments sent in by email.

We knew Betty (Munro) Moore for many years as a great radio operator. She was married to Hector Munro for years and her expertise at the radio helped many a fisherman. We looked forward to seeing her friendly face both when leaving Cholla for the open seas and then returning home. She was our good friend for quite some time. We are saddened to hear about her passing. The Valentines

Betty was a special friend from the time she arrived in Cholla Bay. I worked with Betty while she was radio operator and I was active with search and rescue and as council chairman. Her most memorable activity was her complete control of the boat landing. If anyone dared to drive an ATV on the beach or block the landing, she was immediately on the loud speaker letting the violator know they should clear out.

One night we were arriving late in Cholla. As we drove in Betty met us and said she had seen our car lights and we were the only people in Cholla and there was a boat in trouble 18 miles out, and would we go out for it. I asked her to find a Mexican to go with us as it was just Grace and I. She found Hector and the three of us went out on a dark moonless night. Betty kept in touch with us and the other boat. We finally found them and towed them in arriving back in the bay at daylight. Betty was up all night keeping track of us. Betty left her stamp on the Gulf. When she took over the radio, her regular sign off was "OKEY-DOKEY" Now, where ever you go up and down the Gulf, you hear, even the Mexicans, saying it. Paul Schoonover.

Betty always wanted me to bring her my catalogs when I was through with them. I don't know how I get on so many lists! She wanted everything from LL Bean to Miles Kimball. I got so I'd make notations on pages of silly things I thought she couldn't live without. I also remember her Mother. I always asked if I could bring her anything my next trip down. Her mother usually had a want list-- brown sugar, chocolate chips were on the top. This was in the 1960's. They were good neighbors! Juliene Wallace

I've known Betty for 35 or so years and before she married Hector. She ran the radio shack at one time and has always been a lovely lady. Always a smile and willing to help with whatever problem or situation you had. She once was going to rent an apartment to my son Jeff and wanted to know his last name. I told her Hedberg and she said that had been her maiden name and that her ancestors had come from Sweden as my ex husbands family had also. Always wondered if they were from the same family way back. Betty was also a good sport, I have a picture of her in the dunk tank at the annual Bash. Betty was a pillar of Cholla Bay and helped it to grow to what it has become. She will be greatly missed by all. Debbie Lolling

Clive and I (Noel) loved Betty. We knew Hector and Art for a long time. Did early events in Kino Bay with her. It was a true pleasure to love and know Betty, and Art. Glad they are remembered by so many friends. Noel Jordan

Betty has been my neighbor and my friend since we came to Cholla in 1973. At the time, she was the Radio Operator for CBSC, and she was a good one. She spent all day down at the Radio Shack and helped many boaters in need. During the time that she was single, before Art, we went for many walks in the evening. At that time, we didn't have cars zooming by all the time, so the walks were peaceful. We talked a lot and laughed a lot. She, of course was very knowledgeable about Cholla and the whole area. And, she was a beautiful lady. I will miss her both as my neighbor and my friend. It just won't be the same without Betty. Pat Goodin

We first met Betty when she was running the radio shack. What a lovely lady! She was so much a part of Cholla history, always available to help or answer questions. Her shell collection is marvelous and I hope it will be on display someplace someday for all to enjoy and remember Betty and "Old Cholla" when she was here. Nancy Schmidli

There is also a great article about Betty in the Rocky Point Times by Gretchen Ellinger, a must read.

Sick Bay:

Mike Dugan had shoulder surgery on Jan. 22nd. He had to wait until after the CBSC golf tournament. He is doing very well, but still has his arm in a sling but is going about all his many "Cholla Chores", which are many, as he always did before. We are so glad he is doing well.

Rosario Villa was in Hospital on Jan 24th for blood pressure and other problems. He is doing well now, is back to work and has moved full time to a new house he built in Cholla.

Al Owens, long time Chollan: this by his son, Dave Owens

My Dad, Al Owens passed away Thursday, Feb. 14th. He has owned his house in Cholla on Pelican Point since the 1970's, not sure of the exact year. His health has kept him traveling to Cholla for quite some years now, his last trip was with Lindy and I on Thanksgiving about 5 years ago. He loved Cholla Bay, and wants his ashes scattered off the beach, which my sisters Karen, Linda, and Laura and I will do this spring. His home will be kept in the family for children, grandchildren, and now, great-grandchildren to enjoy. His love for the Sea of Cortez is shared by his surviving family, and our goal now is to get our mother, Claudette, back down there. There aren't too many of the old timers from his era left, but perhaps some will remember him. Dave Owens Dave's address is 7816 W. Avenida del Sol, Peoria, Az. 85383. Please send cards.

Library News by Barb Dammann

Thanks to all the people who are now using and enjoying the library. I have given out many new keys in the past few months as people are discovering a great place to use their computers and the check out the many books either donated or purchased by me. "Thank you" to the HOA for providing the keys and to all who donate such great and varied books.

Remember, if you are donating we cannot use technical manuals, textbooks or very old or damaged books.

I would like to build a DVD collection. Please help if you can.

Keys are available at M19 L3 or by calling 382 5015.



The HOA has repaired the walkway down to the launching area that washed away during the recent big rains and was really a danger to those who would try to walk there. There will be a concrete duct for the water to run down to prevent the dirt from being washed away again and cause the huge crevice that happened before. There also will be a railing installed for safe walking.



Pictured is the design for the 58th CBSC fishing derby T shirts. They will be available by the first phase of the derby at Ship's Store and in various colors. You might want to get yours early while there is a good selection of sizes.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hey Gang! Looking out over the beautiful Sea of Cortez you just can't help but be thankful for this little piece of peace here in The Bay. This weekend has just been beautiful! Even the nights are mild and when that sunshine warms your face... MmmMmmMmm. Now THAT'S what I call Heaven!

As I write this we have 272 members in The CBSC, 77 of which are paid up for 2013. If you're keeping track we gained a few new members this month! WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME! If you're on Facebook, please go to our "Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club" fan page, and LIKE it!! ☺ There was an explosion there this month too, and we're up to 132 Supporters now! Thank you so much for sharing the page. Don't forget that you can also now find the CBSC Events there. You'll see more detail as each event gets closer, but the dates are all there. You can also click on the Past Events link from within the Events Link, and check out pictures that other folks posted on that Event's Wall. If you need any help navigating, just drop me a line! And HEY! Keep passin' on the page wouldja??

The email address for the club is chollacbsc@gmail.com and you can use it to contact any one of us on the board. Use your subject line to aid us in getting your email to the right board member! If you'd like to receive your Chatter by email, drop me to let me know that you'd like to get it electronically – You'll get it in FULL COLOR – It's Nifty!

Annual membership is \$40 and checks should be made payable to CBSC. Please mail them directly to me: Laura McIntyre, PO Box 398 Cortaro, AZ 85652. *The Chatter is only sent to current members so get your renewal sent in as THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST CHATTER UNTIL YOU DO!!*

Later Alligators!

☺ Laura McIntyre ☺



CBSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Annual Dues: \$40.00

Membership dues and other activities of the CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB funded the purchase of radio equipment and continue to support the operation and maintenance of Marine VHF Radio (Channel 28) for the Northern Sea of Cortez. The CBSC pays the salary of the Cholla Bay Radio Operator, assists in search and rescue operations, and when necessary can assist with some arrangements for the emergency transportation of critically ill or injured. The CBSC conducts an annual Fishing Derby, hosts numerous events, publishes the "CHOLLA CHATTER" Newsletter, and promotes good relations between American visitors and our Mexican neighbors.

Currently the Chatter is mailed to the address provided. We are now able to offer the Chatter via E-mail to those who would prefer. If you would rather receive your Chatter via Email and not regular mail, please check the Box to the Left.

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